

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~versatile and fully functional~~ fencing system for ~~secure outdoor installation~~ comprising:

~~at least one stake~~ a plurality of stakes configured to be driven into the ground, each said stake including a hollow stake sleeve, ~~said stake sleeve~~ having a ~~substantially flat upper surface~~ an internal diameter;

~~at least one post~~ a plurality of posts, each said post having a first diameter being ~~complementary in cross-sectional shape to~~ smaller than the internal diameter of each said hollow stake sleeve, ~~to thereby permit~~ any one of said post posts ~~to be slidably,~~ interchangeably inserting into ~~inserted within~~ and being frictionally and removably retained by any one of said stake sleeve sleeves; and

~~at least one~~ a plurality of structural fencing ~~component~~ components, each said fencing component including at least one post attachment collar disposed on an edge thereof, said post attachment collar having ~~a substantially flat lower surface to permit~~ said post attachment collar to sit upon said upper surface of said stake sleeve and be retained thereon by means of gravity, said post attachment collar further having an annular opening therethrough ~~of a size and shape complementary to said post,~~ said annular opening having a second diameter larger than said first diameter of each post, ~~so as to permit~~ any one of said fencing ~~component to be~~ components slidably, pivotally, removably, and interchangeably attaching ~~attached to~~ any one of and ~~engaged by~~ said post posts, to thereby connect adjacent structural fencing components to each other

while allowing said fencing components to be rotationally adjusted relative to said post posts.

2. (Currently Amended) The fencing system of claim 1, wherein said structural fencing ~~component is~~ components are selected from the group consisting of base units, gate units and end units.

3. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 2, wherein said base units include a vertical element on either side thereof, and wherein said post attachment collars are disposed on said vertical elements.

4. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 3, wherein said post attachment collars comprise a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of both of said vertical elements.

5. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 2, wherein said gate units comprise a pair of complementary doors each having an outside edge, wherein said outside edges terminate in a vertical element and wherein said post attachment collars are disposed on said vertical elements.

6. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 5, wherein said post attachment collars comprise a pair of post hinges disposed at the top and bottom of said

vertical elements, said post hinges including a post ring and a hinge element to allow said complementary doors to open and close.

7. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 2, wherein said end units include a vertical element on one side thereof and wherein said post attachment collars are disposed on said vertical elements.

8. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 7, wherein said post attachment collars comprise a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of said vertical element.

9. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 8, wherein said end unit further includes a stake pin disposed on the side opposite said vertical element, said stake pin being adapted to being inserted into the ground so as to anchor said end unit in position.

10. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 1, wherein said posts and said structural components further include decorative accents.

11. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 1, wherein said structural components and said posts are manufactured from tubular steel.

12. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 11, wherein said structural components are welded in assembly.

13. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 11, wherein said structural components and said posts are covered with a power coated finish.

14. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 11, wherein said structural components, said posts and said stakes are removably attached to each other by frictional contact therebetween.

15. (Previously Amended) The fencing system of claim 11, wherein said stake is wedge-shaped, and said stake sleeve comprises a cylindrical cavity therein.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~versatile and fully functional~~ fencing system for ~~secure outdoor installation~~ comprising:

at least one wedge-shaped stake configured to be driven into the ground, said stake including a stake sleeve comprising a cylindrical cavity within said stake, said stake sleeve having ~~a substantially flat upper surface~~ an internal diameter;

at least one cylindrical post, said post ~~being complementary in cross-sectional shape to~~ having a first diameter smaller than said internal diameter of said hollow stake sleeve ~~to thereby permit said post to be slidably inserted~~ inserting within into and being frictionally and removably retained by said stake sleeve ~~by means of frictional contact therebetween; and~~

at least one structural fencing component including at least one post attachment collar disposed on an edge thereof, said post attachment collar having ~~a substantially flat lower surface to permit said post attachment collar to sit upon said upper surface of said stake sleeve and be retained thereon by means of gravity, said post attachment collar further having an annular opening therethrough of a size and shape complementary to~~ with a second diameter larger than said first diameter of said post, so as to permit said fencing component to be attached slidably, rotatably and removably attaching to and engaged by said post to thereby connect adjacent structural fencing components to each other while allowing said fencing components to be rotationally adjusted relative to said post, said structural fencing component being chosen from the group consisting of interchangeable base units, interchangeable gate units and interchangeable end units, wherein:

said base units include a vertical element on either side thereof, and wherein said post attachment collar comprises a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of both of said vertical elements;

said gate units comprise a pair of complementary doors each having an outside edge, wherein said outside edges terminate in a vertical element and wherein said post attachment collar comprise a pair of post hinges disposed at the top and bottom of said vertical elements, said post hinges including a post ring and a hinge element to allow said complementary doors to open and close; and

said end units include a vertical element on one side thereof, wherein said post attachment collar comprise a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of said vertical element, and further wherein said end unit further includes a stake pin disposed

on the side opposite said vertical element, said stake pin being adapted to being inserted into the ground so as to anchor said end unit in position.

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